

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for calculating a color temperature, comprising:
a color temperature selecting portion for selecting a left color temperature
and a right color temperature that are most adjacent to a one-dimensional chroma
inputted from a mapping table, the table mapping a chroma to a color
temperature;

5 a distance calculating portion for calculating distances between the
selected left color temperature and the inputted one-dimensional chroma, and
between the selected right color temperature and the inputted one-dimensional
chroma, respectively; and

10 a color temperature calculating portion for calculating a color temperature
corresponding to the one-dimensional chroma inputted in accordance with a ratio
of the calculated distances.

2. The apparatus for calculating the color temperature of claim 1,
wherein the one-dimensional chroma is one coordinate of CIE XYZ coordinates.

3. An apparatus for calculating a color temperature, comprising:
a chroma selecting portion for selecting a left and a right chroma that are
most adjacent to a one-dimensional chroma inputted from a mapping table, the
table mapping a chroma to a color temperature;

5 a distance calculating portion for calculating distances between the
selected left chroma and the inputted one-dimensional chroma, and between the

selected right chroma and the inputted one-dimensional chroma, respectively; and
a color temperature calculating portion for calculating a color temperature
corresponding to the one-dimensional chroma inputted in accordance with a ratio
10 of the calculated distances.

4. A color display system, comprising:
 - a table mapping a chroma to a color temperature;
 - a chroma detecting portion for detecting the chroma from inputted image data and outputting the detected chroma at a one-dimensional level;
 - 5 a color temperature selecting portion for selecting from the table left and right color temperature/chroma that are most adjacent to the one-dimensional chroma;
 - a distance calculating portion for calculating distances between the selected left color temperature/chroma and the one-dimensional chroma, and
10 between the selected right color temperature/chroma and the one-dimensional chroma;
 - a color temperature calculating portion for calculating a color temperature corresponding to the one-dimensional chroma in accordance with a ratio of the calculated distances;
 - 15 a color temperature converting portion for converting the chroma of the inputted image data into the calculated color temperature; and
 - a display portion for displaying an image having the converted color temperature.

5. A method for calculating a color temperature, comprising the steps of:

- a) inputting one-dimensional chroma;
- b) selecting left and right color temperatures that are most adjacent to the one-dimensional chroma inputted from a chroma-color temperature mapping table;
- c) calculating distances between the selected left color temperature and the inputted one-dimensional chroma, and between the selected right color temperature and the inputted one-dimensional chroma; and
- d) calculating a color temperature corresponding to the one-dimensional chroma inputted in accordance with a ratio of the calculated distances.

6. The method for calculating the color temperature of claim 5, wherein the step d) comprises the sub-steps of:

- d1) calculating a rate-of-change of the color temperature from the left and right color temperatures selected in accordance with the ratio of the calculated distances to the inputted one-dimensional chroma; and
- d2) calculating a final output color temperature corresponding to the inputted one-dimensional chroma by adding/subtracting the calculated rate-of-change of the temperature to/from the selected left and right color temperature.